Cohen's Costly Armored Car May Never Travel Highways

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—There is a $16,000 armor plated Cadillac in California that may fever travel the highways. It belongs to Mickey Cohen.

The California highway patrol has denied the gambling czar a permit to operate the custom built car.

"I don't care about myself, understand," Cohen said, "but what am I gonna do, for instance, when my mother comes to visit? And my wife! I gotta have some protection for my family don't I?"

The car has eight-inch thick doors each weighing 160 pounds because of a slab of bulletproof fiberglass inside. There are steel-armor plates inside the seats and the extra thick windows won't have to be rolled down. The car has an $800 air-conditioning system and $400 worth of bulletproof tires.

If a permit is issued to one gambler, there will be 10,000 armored cars on the road and the police would never be able to stop them," officials said.

Soviet Union Population Reported at 201 Million

NEW YORK—According to figures published by the Swedish publication Gothenburg Trade and Shipping Journal, the current population of the Soviet Union is 201 million, not counting political prisoners estimated to number about 20 million. Moscow is the largest city in Russia with a population of more than five million, making it the second largest city in Europe today.

The general switch from country to city is reported noticeable in the Soviet Union, the land having lost some 4½ million people since 1939 and the cities having gained about 11 million.

Folks Don't Like to Think; Philosophical Group Quits

WASHINGTON — The society for philosophical inquiry has decided people don't like to think today and has disbanded.

The society was founded in 1884 by William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education.

Glen H. Draper, secretary-treasurer of the society, notified the members of the dissolution by postal cards: "I have decided that people do not want to think."

Concerned with such questions as the meaning of meaning and the categorical imperative, the society slipped down hill steadily since the death of Dr. E. E. Richardson, president for 40 years.

Eccentric Wills Family $100,000 For Day of Fun

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A famuy who 30 years before befriended a needy man by tilling him to the beach for an outing has benefited by legacy of $100,000.

Charles Baboneri, an eccentric oil man, named Mrs Pearl A. Tyson and her family principal beneficiaries of an estate worth about $500,000. The family picked Baboneri up one day when he was poor and took him to the beach.

In his will, which was found shoved under the door of a downtown Los Angeles bank, he said: "If I live to be 1,000 I will never forget that day."

Mrs. Tyson and her husband, William, 61-year-old carpenter, could barely remember the incident.

"It was so long ago—but I seem to recall a small, dark man," said Tyson.

The Tysons were vacationing in Los Angeles when they befriended Baboneri. They moved there five years later.

Mrs. Tyson was left $60,000, her husband $20,000 and a daughter, now Mrs. Melissa Carter, $20,000. Still sought is the daughter's playmate on that faraway day, identified in the will only as "Sue" and left $10,000. Mrs. Carter said she hadn't seen "Sue" since childhood.

Baboneri, who lived in apparent poverty, didn't forget his neighbors, although he didn't know the names of most of them. He left $50,000 to Peter J. Kelly, "who cared for me when sick," and $40,000 to "my four good neighbors, each man and wife $5,000."

Brothers and sisters in Austria, if living, were willed $10,000 each.

Kelly said Baboneri liked to keep cash on hand to give away, secretly. "I'd drive to a church, an orphanage or a hospital at his direction," Kelly recalled. "Then he'd slip some money in an envelope—I never knew how much—and I'd leave it in the mailbox. I delivered hundreds of Christmas baskets for him."

Navy housing plan is opposed at Norfolk.

Motorists are warned to report accidents doing $50 or more in car damages.

Bedford Co-op may build grain elevator.

Whooping Cough Vaccines Help Reduce Fatalities

In 1949 for the first time, deaths from whooping cough in the United States fell below 1,000.

This landmark in the control of the disease takes an added significance, because the number of young children in the population has increased greatly due to high birth rates in recent years.

The gains against whooping cough have been especially rapid in the last 10 years. In 1948 and 1949 the death rate among infants, where the bulk of the mortality from the disease is concentrated, was at least 75 per cent below the figure of a decade ago.

Even allowing for the cyclical fluctuations in the occurrence of the disease, the number of reported cases at all ages has declined sharply. In both 1949 and 1949 the number was below 75,000, while the previous minimum was nearly 110,000. In the 1930's the total only once fell below 150,000.

A substantial part of the credit for the gains against whooping cough is given to the wide acceptance of the vaccines for immunization against the disease, and to advances in the care of infants with the disease.

Yes, the death toll during the early months of infancy still further, chief reliance must be placed on early hospitalization and the best quality of medical and nursing care. Another possibility is to commence immunization earlier than is now generally practiced. Experience shows that this procedure is effective in very young infants and well tolerated by them.

Railroad Watches

The standard rule is that railroad watches must not vary more than 30 seconds per week from perfect time. On most railroads, watches must be submitted to a railroad watch inspector for comparison weekly, semi-monthly or monthly with an official clock, and for inspection monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. The rule applies to certain classes of officers and employees in the operating, maintenance-of-way and mechanical departments. Train service and other designated employees must also compare their watches with an official clock before beginning a trip or a day's work. When an employee does not have access to a standard clock he must obtain the correct time from a conductor or an engineer who has done so, or from the train dispatcher.

Oysters for Christmas

Oysters are "good" in the R months for this reason.

Oysters found in the waters of northern Europe hold their young upon their gills during the warmer months of the year. If eaten they seem to be full of sand, on account of the tiny shells of the young larvae. This is not true of the American oysters, but the early colonists did not know this and stopped eating them from May to August, although they are good the year round, if properly kept. In fact, authorities say that our oysters are actually better in May than during any other month of the year.

ROCKS NEWS

Rocks, Dec. 11.- Here's wishing the Editor and his good wife and all the readers of the Times-Virginian a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club held its December meeting with Mrs. Rhomy Wilson and Mrs. Maude Ranson last Monday.

Robert Roach was in Lynchburg last Monday selling tobacco.

L. C. Elder took G. T. Marsh to Lynchburg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach took their son, Johnny back to Lynchburg last week for another check-up.

Miss Emma Lee Gallahier, of Lynchburg spent a few days recently with Doris and Edith Baldwin

Jimmy Miller returned home last week from the Medical College Hospital in Richmond, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hanson awhile one night last week.

R. L. Jennings spent a Sunday recently in Lynchburg with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh received a notice from Norfolk recently that their granddaughter, Annette Marsh, was in the hospital for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Bolling spent awhile last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Franklin, Appomattox spent a Saturday recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond.

E. M. Almond, of Lynchburg is in the neighborhood recently on his vacation.

Farmers were busy butchering hogs last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Ingram and Audrey Dale spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ramsey.

The first real snow for some years fell here over the week-end.

Quite a few met at church last day after noon to practice for the Christmas play.

Alexandria city manager asks repeal of city cigarette tax.

Trapped GI's fight way out of Communist encirclement.

Mandatory price and wage controls are asked.

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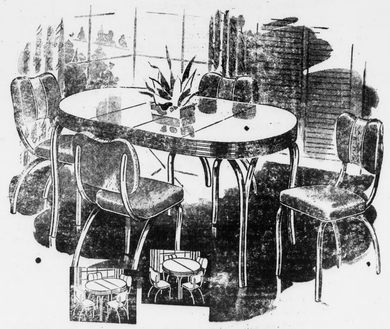
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Here's An "Expert" Example!

When our Main Street parking problem cropped up again, we announced a strict one-hour parking policy, and swore in extra deputies to enforce it.

We also sent over to the State Capitol for a traffic expert, to give us pointers. He turned out to be real helpful—spent a whole afternoon with us talking about zoning and such. And when he left the building he found a ticket on his car for overtime parking!

Could have gotten sore, I guess—or asked us to "fix" the ticket. But instead, he insisted on going over to the Sheriff's Office and paying his fine.

From where I sit, it's good to know people, like that young fellow, who refuse to be treated any different than anyone else. City people and farmers—those of us who prefer cider and those who'd rather have a cool glass of temperate beer—we're all entitled to the same privileges. That is, so long as what we do doesn't conflict with the law of the land.

Joe Marsh

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STONEWALL NEWS

Stonewall, Dec. 12.- My, my, what a time! Seems Old Santa will have to use sleigh this Christmas, but he is coming, it doesn't matter as he gets here!

Almost everybody killed hogs around the last week, and it was well that they did, as the weather is so bad this week.

We are so happy to know that Mrs. O. R. Turner has returned to her home here and once more we hope he will soon be well and out and about to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. E. L. visited Mrs. Joe Stephenson baby girl over the week-end. They are now in Portsmouth, but expect to fly plane to Florida next week to live there, as Mr. Stephenson has accepted there as air station for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings spent in, for Alabama, to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Jackson Spain; and the Rev. Spain and their children. They also expect to stop over to see his brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Strubbings in Charlotte, N. C.

We want to wish our good Editor a Happy Birthday on next Sunday, December 21 and we hope he will have many more—and a big one, with lots of good luck!

Auto Style Trends

The first six months during 1950 saw greater emphasis placed in color and hard-top body styles. 1948—and for some years previously—the 4-door sedan was America's most popular body style. Some 47 per cent of 1949's cars were four-doors and 38 per cent were two-door. So far in 1950 manufacturers have made 45.58 per cent of their cars two-doors and only 35.19 per cent four-doors. The hard-top coupe and sedan is accredited as the reason for the shift in body style trends.

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Better Control Efforts Cause of Drop In Rabies

A decline of over 3.200 in the annual number of rabies cases reported in dogs since the end of the war has been singled out as a graphic example of what can be done to curb this disease.

Records show ther were 8,505 cases of rabies in dogs in 1945, compared with 5,237 in 1949. The 1949 figure also represented a decline of nearly 1,400 canine cases in comparison with 1948.

A significant reduction in numbers of human cases has accompanied the decline in canine cases.

Reports are made regularly that show how cities, counties, states, and even interstate groups are meeting the rabies problem by intelligently planned control programs. In contrast, many places that have done nothing to stop rabies are having more trouble than ever.

Most effective measures include rounding up of stray dogs which along with certain wild animals are major spreaders of the disease, vaccination and licensing of all pet dogs, and trapping of wild animals in home areas.

With full cooperation of pet owners, public health leaders and practicing veterinarians, a further reduction in the number of cases can be made this year. And with a fully national effort we could look forward to the eventual end of rabies in people and animals of this country.

Troop Trains

From December, 1941, to August 1945, inclusive, a total of 113,91 special troop trains were operated for distances ranging all the way up to 3,000 miles or more. In addition the railroads handled an even greater number of special troops cars in regular trains. The special train movements involved 303,003 coach trips, 511,385 sleeping car trips, 142,709 baggage and kitchen car trips, and 193,784 refrigerator, box, flat, and gondola car trips, besides an almost equal movement of empty cars to and from loading and unloading points.

U. S. and Britain back truce effort to enable negotiation for end of present hostilities.

Educator Gives Pointers On Child Traffic Hazards

Traffic safety training for children should begin almost in the cradle, according to Ross Wedemeyer, assistant professor of physical education and instructor in safety at the University of Denver.

Wedemeyer contends that techniques for avoiding traffic accidents should be taught the child early in life. In this manner, he feels, safe living will become a part of the youngster—not just a mere set of rules he has to think of before he puts them into practice.

The educator gave the following suggestions for parents desiring to protect their children from traffic hazards:

1. Don't be content merely to talk to the child about safety devices such as traffic signs, lights, etc. Actually show the child these things. Let him have the experience of walking with the green light during a training session.

2. Try to get your child to instruct you in traffic safety techniques (after you have taught him, of course). Encourage him to tell you when it is safe to walk across the street. By doing this — under your guidance—the child will gain much genuine insight into traffic safety practices.

3. Teach children the "safe" routes from home to school. Teach them to avoid dangerous alleys, hazardous streets, and so forth.

4. Through correct instruction, make it "second nature" for a child to avoid hazardous activities such as hitching rides, bicycling dangerously, etc.

5. A child should be taught "safe" ways of acting—not merely warned against unsafe practices.

Battleship "Missouri"

The Mighty Mo's place in history was forever clinched in Tokyo bay on September 2, 1945. At 9:30 a.m., the documents of formal surrender of Japan to the allied powers were signed on what has since been known as the "surrender deck," one level above the main deck of the ship. On this deck where the table holding the documents stood, a bronze plaque cites the facts of the event. Another plaque including the facts and the names of the signatories has a place on the bulkhead above the door leading to the Captain's cabin.

Korean Reds hit at flank of the 8th Army.

Archeologists' Implements Reveal Early Indian Sites

Long-lost pages of America's pre-Columbian history are being recovered by the spades of archeologists in sites soon to be covered by great reservoirs.

This work is being carried out over much of the United States by Smithsonian institution archeologists under the direction of Dr. Frank H. Roberts, Jr., of the bureau of American ethnology, in a cooperative project of the institution, the national park service, the bureau of reclamation, and the corps of engineers. Once the areas are flooded, all opportunity for work of this kind will be lost.

A notable project this past summer was at the site of the Buggs Island Reservoir on the Roanoke River, near Clarksville, Va. There Carl F. Miller excavated an Indian cemetery and village site. He found Indian bones and artifacts from four different culture levels, ranging backward in time from the earliest contacts with white colonists.

The people represented at the topmost level, according to the best evidence available, were of the eastern Siouan stock, belonging to the same general family as the Plains Indians of Sitting Bull's tribe. These people were known to have been settled in western Virginia and the Carolinas when the first white settlements were established. They were in no sense ancestral to the Plains Indians with whom the name "Sioux" is most closely associated but were closely related to them linguistically. Nothing has yet been determined concerning the lower cultural levels at the site.

An archeological surveying party at the site of the proposed Eufaula reservoir on the Canadian river in Oklahoma has located 41 old Indian habitation sites. It is planned to carry out extensive excavations in four or five of them.

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